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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Africa Division

SUBJECT : The AF Division Historical Program

REFERENCE : DDP Memo of 28 September 1971, CS Historical Program

1. From the latest quarterly report it appears that the very sizable AF Division historical program (31 historical papers) will be substantially completed by the target date, 31 December 1971. It is our understanding that the remaining three or four papers will probably be finished early in 1972.

2. The CS Historical Board is now formulating the continuing historical program. Your views as to what further papers should be prepared would be most useful in drawing up a list of titles. For example, what additional station histories should be prepared, and in what order of priority? Do you recommend any monograph type papers, as distinguished from organizational histories, which would be of historical value? Examples

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Consideration should also be given to programs and operations which extend across station or division lines. It is the consensus of the CSHB that increased attention should be given to papers of this type rather than concentrating primarily on chronological station and division history. A further point: Should any of your published histories be up-dated at this time or during 1972-1973?

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3. Reduced personnel ceilings will of course preclude the CS from undertaking a large-scale historical program in the foreseeable future. It is for this reason that your estimate of relative importance and priority of your recommendations is essential to your and our planning and the allocation of available writers.

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Executive Secretary
CS Historical Board

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